

## Total Mean Cordiality of $K_n^c + 2K_2$

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**Abstract.** A Total Mean Cordial labeling of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that  $f(xy) = \left\lceil \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2} \right\rceil$  where  $x, y \in V(G)$ ,  $xy \in E$ , and the total number of 0, 1 and 2 are balanced. That is  $|ev_f(i) - ev_f(j)| \leq 1$ ,  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  where  $ev_f(x)$  denotes the total number of vertices and edges labeled with  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1, 2$ ). If there exists a total mean cordial labeling on a graph  $G$ , we will call  $G$  is Total Mean Cordial. In this paper, it is shown that  $K_n^c + 2K_2$  is Total Mean Cordial iff  $n = 1$  or  $2$  or  $4$  or  $6$  or  $8$ .

### 1 Introduction

By a graph we mean a finite unoriented graph without loops and multiple edges. A general reference for graph theoretic ideas can be seen in [2]. A vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is an assignment  $f$  of labels to the vertices of  $G$  that induces for each  $uv \in E(G)$  a label depending on the vertex labels  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$ . The vertex and edge set of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  so that the order and size of  $G$  are respectively  $|V(G)|$  and  $|E(G)|$ . Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with vertex sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively. Then their join  $G_1 + G_2$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V_1 \cup V_2$  and edge set is  $E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{uv : u \in V_1 \text{ and } v \in V_2\}$ . The notion of Total Mean cordial labeling was introduced and studied by Ponraj, Ramasamy and Sathish Narayanan [3]. Let  $f$  be a function from  $V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$ . For each edge  $uv$ , assign the label  $\left\lceil \frac{f(u)+f(v)}{2} \right\rceil$ .  $f$  is called a Total Mean Cordial labeling if  $|ev_f(i) - ev_f(j)| \leq 1$  where  $ev_f(x)$  denote the total number of vertices and edges labeled with  $x$  ( $x = 0, 1, 2$ ). A graph with a Total Mean Cordial labeling is called Total Mean Cordial graph. In this paper, we investigate the Total Mean Cordial labeling behaviour of  $K_n^c + 2K_2$ . Let  $x$  be any real number. Then the symbol  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  stands for the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  stands for the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ .

### 2 Main result

**Theorem 2.1.**  $K_n^c + 2K_2$  is Total Mean Cordial if and only if  $n = 1$  or  $2$  or  $4$  or  $6$  or  $8$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_n^c + 2K_2) = \{u, v, x, y, u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_n^c + 2K_2) = \{uv, xy, \} \cup \{uu_i, vv_i, xu_i, yu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . It is clear that  $|V(G)| + |E(G)| = 5n + 6$ . Let  $l$  denotes the number of zeros to be used in  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) and that for the label 2, we use  $r$ . Suppose  $f$  is a Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_n^c + 2K_2$ .

**Case 1.**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t$ . Then  $|V(G)| + |E(G)| = 15t + 6$ . Here  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(1) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 2$ . Consider the set  $S = \{u, v, x, y\}$  and the label 0. Here there are five possible cases.

- \* All the four vertices of  $S$  are labeled by 0.
- \* Any three of them are labeled by 0.
- \* Any two of them are labeled with 0. [This may be adjacent vertices or two non adjacent vertices.]
- \* Only one vertex is labeled by 0.
- \* None of them received the label 0.

Now we discuss all the cases given above.

**Subcase 1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 3.** Any three of them are labeled with zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . So the vertices in  $S$  contributes only 4 zeros. We should utilize the remaining  $5t - 2$  zeros for both vertices and edges. In this case, if  $u_i$  is labeled with 0, apart from this label, each vertex  $u_i$  contributes 3 zeros. So we have  $l + 3l = 5t - 2$ . Therefore  $l = \frac{5t-2}{4}$ . This is possible only when  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Now consider the label 2. Suppose  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 2$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+1}{2}$ , a contradiction since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose  $f(y) = 1$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+2}{2}$ . But  $l + r > 3t$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase 4.** Any two vertices from  $S$  are labeled by zero.

First we assume that any two adjacent vertices in  $u, v, x, y$  are labeled with zero. Without loss of generality we assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . At present we have used 3 zeros. In this case each  $u_i$  contributes two edges with label zero. So,  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 2$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t-1}{3}$ . Such a positive integer  $l$  exists only if  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Suppose  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Consider the label 2. If  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t-1}{3}$ . It is clear that  $l + r \leq 3t$ . This is true only when  $t \leq 2$ . Since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, t \neq 1$ . If  $t = 2$ , the following figure 1 shows that  $K_6^c + 2K_2$  is Total Mean Cordial.

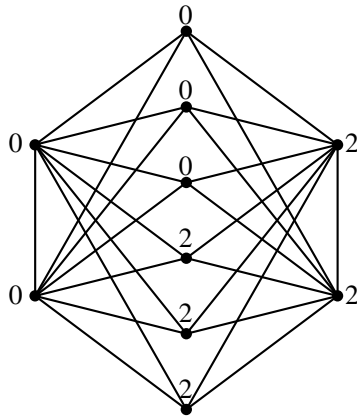


Figure 1.

Suppose  $f(x) = 2, f(y) = 1$ . In this case  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 2$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , such a positive integer  $r$  does not exist. If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 2$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Then  $l + r > 3t$ , a contradiction. Now consider the case, zero is labeled with any two non adjacent vertices from the set  $S$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$  and  $f(y) = 0$ . Here,  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 2$ . Therefore  $l = \frac{5t}{3}$ . This is true only if  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . If  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  then in this case  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 2$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t}{3}$ . Here  $l + r > 3t$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = 1, f(y) = 2$ . Here  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 2$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, r$  can not be a positive integer. Assume that  $f(v) = f(y) = 1$ . In this case  $r + 2r = 5t + 2$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, r$  is not a positive integer.

**Subcase 5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . In this case each vertex  $u_i$  contributes one edge with label zero. Hence  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 2$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t+1}{2}$ . Since  $l$  is an positive integer,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Now assume  $f(x) = f(y) = f(v) = 2$ . Then  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 2$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t-2}{4}$ . Since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, r$  can not be a positive integer. Suppose  $f(x) = f(y) = f(v) = 1$ . In this case,  $r + 3r = 5t + 2$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . Since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, r$  can not be a positive integer. If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  and  $f(v) = 2$ . Then  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 2$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . Again a contradiction since  $l + r > 3t$ . For  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = f(v) = 2$ , we have  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 2$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t}{4}$ , a contradiction since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . If  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 2$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t-1}{4}$ . It follows that  $l + r > 3t$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 2$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t}{4}$  a contradiction since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

**Case 2.**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t + 1$ . Then  $|V(G)| + |E(G)| = 15t + 11$ . Here we have three possibilities.

- a.  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 4, ev_f(1) = 5t + 3$  or
- b.  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(1) = 5t + 4, ev_f(2) = 5t + 3$  or
- c.  $ev_f(1) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 4, ev_f(0) = 5t + 3$ .

Suppose  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 4, ev_f(1) = 5t + 3$ .

**Subcase a1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase a2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

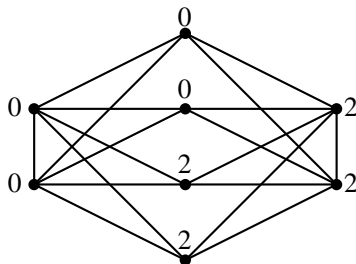
In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase a3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

With out loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . Here, if a vertex  $u_i$  is labeled with zero then it contributes three edges with label zero. So we have  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $l = \frac{5t}{4}$ . Such a positive integer  $l$  exists only when  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Now suppose  $f(y) = 2$ . A vertex  $u_i$  with label 2 contributes one edge with label 2. So  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+3}{2}$ . Since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $r$  can not be a positive integer. If  $f(y) = 1$  then in this case also a vertex  $u_i$  with label 2 contributes one edge with label 2. Therefore  $r + r = 5t + 4$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+4}{2}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase a4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

First we assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case, if a vertex  $u_i$  is labeled by zero then it gives two edges with label zero. Therefore  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . Since  $l$  is a positive integer,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Consider the vertices  $x$  and  $y$ . Suppose these two vertices are labeled with 1. If a vertex  $u_i$  is labeled by 2 then each  $u_i$  contributes two edges with label 2. It follows that  $r + 2r = 5t + 4$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. Suppose the vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are labeled by 2. Here a vertex  $u_i$  with label 2 contributes two edges with label 2. Then  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore,  $r = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . We know that  $l + r \leq 3t + 1$ . This is true only when  $t = 1$ . The Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_4^c + 2K_2$  is given in figure 2. Suppose  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . Then each vertex  $u_i$  with a



**Figure 2.**

label 2 contributes two edges with label 2. This implies  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 4$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , such a positive integer  $r$  does not exist. Suppose  $f(u) = f(x) = 0$ . Here  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $l = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Now assume  $f(y) = f(v) = 2$ . Then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. If  $f(y) = f(v) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 4$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ , a contradiction since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . For  $f(y) = 1$  and  $f(v) = 2$ , we have  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ , again a contradiction since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

**Subcase a5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled with zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . In this case  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 4$  and hence  $l = \frac{5t+3}{2}$ . Since  $l$  is a positive integer,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . If  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r = 5t + 4$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+4}{4}$ . For the values of  $t$ ,  $r$  could not be an integer. If  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . Here,  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. If  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 4$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . Here also  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . Here  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 4$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . For  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$ , we have  $3r + r + 4 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t}{4}$ . But  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , a contradiction.

Consider the case  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(1) = 5t + 4$  and  $ev_f(2) = 5t + 3$ .

**Subcase b1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

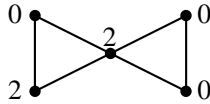
Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase b2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase b3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

With out loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t}{4}$ . Since  $l$  is a positive integer,  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 3$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{2}$ . But  $l + r \leq 3t + 1$ . This is true only if  $t = 0$ . A Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_1^c + 2K_2$  is given in figure 3. For  $f(y) = 1, r + r = 5t + 3$ .

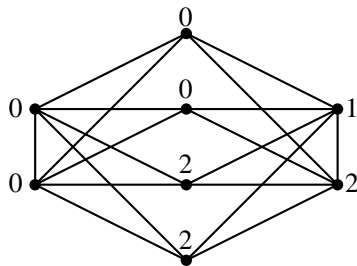


**Figure 3.**

Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+3}{2}$ . This is a contradiction to  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase b4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

First we assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . Then  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 4$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Now assume that  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 3$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t}{3}$ , a contradiction to  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 3$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . For  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ , we have  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 3$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . But  $l + r \leq 3t + 1$ . This is true only when  $t \leq 1$ . Since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, t \neq 0$ . For  $t = 1$ , the Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_4^c + 2K_2$  is given in figure 4. Suppose  $f(u) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(v) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . Then  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 4$



**Figure 4.**

and therefore  $l = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Consider the vertices  $v$  and  $y$ . Suppose these two vertices are labeled by 2 then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 3$ . So we have  $r = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , such a positive integer does not exist. Suppose  $v$  and  $y$  are labeled by 1. In this case  $r + 2r = 5t + 3$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . If  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 3$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$  a contradiction.

**Subcase b5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . In this case  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 4$ . Thus  $l = \frac{5t+3}{2}$ . This is true only if  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Here  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 3$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t-1}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. If  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r = 5t + 3$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . In this case  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$ . Here  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 3$ . Thus  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . For  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  and  $f(x) = 1$ , we have  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 3$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t}{4}$ , a contradiction to  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . If  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 3$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t}{3}$ . Again a contradiction to  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . For  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2, r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 3$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $ev_f(1) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 4$  and  $ev_f(0) = 5t + 3$ .

**Subcase c1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase c2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase c3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

With out loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . Here  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 3$ . Thus  $l = \frac{5t-1}{4}$ . This implies  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Now assume  $f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 4$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{2}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. For  $f(y) = 2$ , we have  $r + r = 5t + 4$ . This implies  $\frac{5t+4}{2}$ . This is a contradiction to  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase c4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

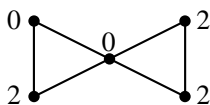
Assume  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 3$ . Therefore  $l = \frac{5t}{3}$ . Such a positive integer  $l$  exists only if  $t$  is a multiple of 3. Suppose  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 4$ . Thus  $r = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . This shows that  $t$  is not a multiple of 3, a contradiction.

If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , such a positive integer  $r$  does not exists. Suppose  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ , a contradiction since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Consider the case  $f(u) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(v) \neq f(y) \neq 0$ . Here  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 3$ . Thus  $l = \frac{5t+1}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Suppose  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 4$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $r$  could not be a positive integer. If  $f(v) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. For  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ , we have  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 4$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ , a contradiction since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

**Subcase c5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . Here,  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 3$  and hence  $l = \frac{5t+2}{2}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Now assume  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 4$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t}{4}$ . But  $l + r \leq 3t + 1$ . This is true only when  $t = 0$ .  $K_1^c + 2K_2$  with a Total Mean Cordial labeling is given in figure 5. Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$ . In this case



**Figure 5.**

$r + 3r = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+4}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction. If  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 4$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . Such a positive integer  $r$  does not exists since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Assume  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  and  $f(x) = 1$ . Here  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 4$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . This is a contradiction to  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . If  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  and  $f(v) = 1$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 4$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . Here also a contradiction arises since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Further if  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 4$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 1$ , a contradiction.

**Case 3.**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $n = 3t + 2$ . Then  $|V(G)| + |E(G)| = 15t + 16$ . In this case we have three possibilities.

- a.  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(1) = 5t + 5, ev_f(2) = 5t + 6$  or
- b.  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 5, ev_f(1) = 5t + 6$  or
- c.  $ev_f(1) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 5, ev_f(0) = 5t + 6$ .

Suppose  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(1) = 5t + 5, ev_f(2) = 5t + 6$ .

**Subcase a1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase a2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase a3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

With out loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . Then  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 5$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose  $f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 6$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+5}{2}$ . Here,  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. For  $f(y) = 1$ , we have  $r + r = 5t + 6$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+6}{2}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Subcase a4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

Assume  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . Here,  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 5$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Now consider the vertices  $x$  and  $y$ . Suppose these two vertices are labeled by 2 then  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 6$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ , a contradiction to the nature of  $t$ . If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 6$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+6}{3}$ . Here also a contradiction arises to the values of  $t$ . Now we consider the case that  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 6$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ , a contradiction to  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Now we consider the case  $f(u) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(v) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $l = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . This shows that  $t$  should be a multiple of 3. If  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 6$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ , a contradiction to the values of  $t$ . Assume  $f(v) = f(y) = 1$ . Here  $r + 2r = 5t + 6$  and then  $r = \frac{5t+6}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = 1, f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 6$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+5}{3}$ . Such a positive integer  $r$  does not exist since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

**Subcase a5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . Then  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 5$  and therefore  $l = \frac{5t+4}{2}$ . This is possible only when  $t$  is a multiple of 2. If  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 6$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r = 5t + 6$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+6}{4}$ . Here also  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. For the case  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$ , we have  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 6$  and therefore  $r = \frac{5t+5}{4}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Assume  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  and  $f(x) = 1$ . Here  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 6$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . Here also a contradiction to the nature of  $t$ . If  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 6$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ , a contradiction to  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Assume  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . Here  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 6$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+4}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

Assume  $ev_f(0) = ev_f(2) = 5t + 5, ev_f(1) = 5t + 6$ .

**Subcase b1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase b2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase b3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . Then  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 5$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . This is true only if  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Suppose  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 5$  and therefore  $r = \frac{5t+4}{2}$ , a contradiction to the values of  $t$ . For  $f(y) = 1$ , we have,  $r + r = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+5}{2}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase b4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

Assume  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . Then  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 5$  and therefore  $l = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Now consider the vertices  $x$  and  $y$ . Suppose both of these two vertices are Simultaneously labeled by 2. Here  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 5$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Clearly the value of  $l + r$  should be less than or equal to  $3t + 2$ . This should be true only if  $t \leq 2$ . But we discussed earlier that  $t - 2$  is a multiple of 3 and  $t$  is a positive integer. Hence  $t \neq 0$  and  $t \neq 1$ . For  $t = 2$ , we display a Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_8^c + 2K_2$  in figure 6. Assume  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$ . Then  $r + 2r = 5t + 5$  and therefore  $r = \frac{5t+5}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $f(u) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(v) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ , then  $l + 2l + 2 = \frac{5}{t} + 5$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . It follows that  $t$  is a multiple of 3. If  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . Now  $l + r$  should not exceed  $3t + 2$ . This is possible only if  $t \leq 0$ . This implies  $t = 0$ . A Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_2^c + 2K_2$  is given in figure 7. For  $f(v) = f(y) = 1$  we have  $r + 2r = 5t + 5$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+5}{3}$ . This is a contradiction to the values of  $t$ . Assume  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 5$  and therefore  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . This is also a contradiction to the nature of  $t$ .

**Subcase b5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . Here  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 5$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t+4}{2}$ . This implies  $t$  is a multiple of 2. Now assume  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . Since  $t$  is a multiple of 2,  $r$  is not an integer, a contradiction. If  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r = 5t + 5$ . This implies  $r = \frac{5t+5}{4}$ . For the same reason as discussed above, we have a contradiction. For  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$ , we have  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 5$ . Therefore  $\frac{5t+4}{4}$ . Now  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. If  $f(x) = 1$  and  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 5$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . Here also the value of  $l + r$  exceeds  $3t + 2$ , a contradiction. Consider the case when  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 5$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . Again  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. For  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$  we have  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 5$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . Such a positive

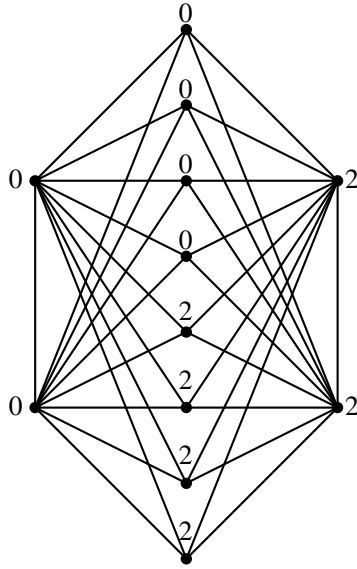


Figure 6.

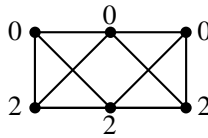


Figure 7.

integer  $r$  does not exist since  $t$  is a multiple of 2.

Consider the case  $ev_f(0) = 5t + 6$  and  $ev_f(2) = ev_f(1) = 5t + 5$ .

**Subcase c1.**  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 0$ .

Here,  $ev_f(2) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase c2.**  $f(u) \neq 0, f(v) \neq 0, f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ .

In this case  $ev_f(0) \leq 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase c3.** Any three vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = f(v) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(y) \neq 0$ . Here  $l + 3l + 4 = 5t + 6$ . That is  $l = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Now consider the vertex  $y$ . Suppose  $f(y) = 2$  then  $r + r + 1 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+4}{2}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. For  $f(y) = 1$  we have  $r + r = 5t + 5$ , therefore  $r = \frac{5t+5}{2}$ , a contradiction to the values of  $t$ .

**Subcase c4.** Any two vertices of  $S$  are labeled with zero.

Assume  $f(u) = f(v) = 0$  and  $f(x) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case  $l + 2l + 3 = 5t + 6$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . It follows that  $t$  is a multiple of 3. Assume  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Then  $r + 2r + 3 = 5t + 5$ . That is  $r = \frac{5t+2}{3}$ . Such a positive integer  $r$  does not exist since  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . If  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 2r = 5t + 5$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+5}{3}$ . Suppose  $f(x) = 1, f(y) = 2$ . In this case  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . Now  $l + r \leq 3t + 2$ . This is possible only when  $t = 0$ . A Total Mean Cordial labeling of  $K_2^c + 2K_2$  is given in figure 8. Consider the case

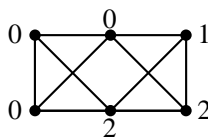


Figure 8.

$f(u) = f(x) = 0$  and  $f(v) \neq 0, f(y) \neq 0$ . In this case  $l + 2l + 2 = 5t + 6$ . This implies  $l = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . It follows that  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Next consider the vertices  $v$  and  $y$ . If possible  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 2r + 2 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{3}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Suppose  $f(v) = f(y) = 1$ . Here  $r + 2r = 5t + 5$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+5}{3}$ , a contradiction to the values of  $t$ . For  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$  we have  $r + 2r + 1 = 5t + 5$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+4}{3}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.

**Subcase c5.** Only one vertex from the set  $S$  is labeled by zero.

Without loss of generality assume that  $f(u) = 0$ . Then  $l + l + 1 = 5t + 6$ . Hence  $l = \frac{5t+5}{2}$ . This implies  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Suppose  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 2$  then  $r + 3r + 4 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+1}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. If  $f(v) = f(x) = f(y) = 1$  then  $r + 3r = 5t + 5$ . Therefore  $r = \frac{5t+5}{4}$ . Here also  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction. For  $f(v) = 2$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 1$  we have  $r + 3r + 1 = 5t + 5$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+4}{4}$ , a contradiction to  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Assume  $f(v) = f(y) = 2$  and  $f(x) = 1$ . In this case  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 5$ . Hence  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . This is impossible since  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Consider the case  $f(v) = 1$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = 2$ . Here  $r + 3r + 3 = 5t + 3$ . Then  $r = \frac{5t+2}{4}$ . Here also a contradiction to the values of  $t$ . When  $f(v) = f(x) = 1$  and  $f(y) = 2$ , we have  $r + 3r + 2 = 5t + 5$  and hence  $r = \frac{5t+3}{4}$ . But  $l + r > 3t + 2$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

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